

The Hampden-Sydney Tiger

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ON TO GREENER HILLSIDES: H-SC REMEMBERS PRESIDENT WALTER M. BORTZ

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“He had the soul of a College President,” said his mentor, Dr. Stephen Trachtenburg. He was “too good to be true,” said one excited member of the Hampden-Sydney community. “It’s true. Every word of it,” he replied.

Dr. Walter Michael Bortz III passed away peacefully on November 10, 2023, with his family in Charleston, South Carolina. As former Dean of Admissions Anita Garland noted in her remarks at his memorial service,

held on February 10, 2024 in the library that bears his name, it was fitting that one of Hampden-Sydney’s best presidents pass “through the gates” of heaven on the 248th Anniversary of the founding of the College.

Dr. Bortz served as President of Hampden-Sydney College from 2000 until his retirement in 2009. He came to the Hill as one of the most experienced leaders in the College’s history—coming from a vice-presidency at The George Washington University, he had also served in almost every administrative capacity at four

other institutions. Under his tenure, the College saw its student population rise to over 1,000 students and remain there; its finances improve through his “Through These Gates” capital campaign, which raised over \$101 million dollars for the College; and its facilities grow with the construction of Everett Stadium, the expansion of the Gammon Gymnasium into the Kirk Athletic Center, and, of course, the construction of Bortz Library, which was named after him as a surprise retirement gift during his final commencement. For Dean Garland,

“I held him in such awe that I could never call him ‘Walter,’ even though he insisted. . . . He seemed in control of every situation. He didn’t solve our problems for us, but when we broached them with him, he had a knack for asking the right questions.”

“The most important job of a College President,” President Larry Stimpert noted in his opening remarks at the service, “is to embody the mission of the place. Walter Bortz was an extraordinary gentleman.” Though his Presidency left an indelible mark on the physical face of



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THETA-CHI BLOOD DRIVE

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On Tuesday, February 5th, 2024, Theta Chi held a Blood Drive at Kirk Athletic Center from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A huge success for the fraternity and the campus as a whole, appointments were filled, blood was donated, and students provided a needed service to the surrounding area. Donors scheduled appointments ahead of time, and word was spread thanks to posters around campus in tandem with emails and social media presence. The blood drive was a huge success, not only for Hampden-Sydney and Theta Chi,

but for the college’s mission of forming good citizens.

The process of donating blood is interesting in and of itself. The process starts with registration, where your basic information is collected. Then you go over your medical history to make sure no complications will arise from the donation of blood. In this instance, the blood drive consisted of two types of blood donation. The first was standard blood donation, in which a pint of “whole blood” is given, which tends to take an hour. The second type is called Power Red donation, in which the red blood cells

are donated, but the plasma and platelets are given back to the donor. When it comes to the process of actually donating the blood, donors are sat in a chair for approximately ten minutes, where a needle is placed within the arm painlessly and blood is drawn for approximately ten minutes. Afterwards, donors were seated down to recuperate, where they were provided pizza from Domino’s. In addition to that, all donors were given \$20 Amazon gift cards and were entered in a raffle to win a dinner for two at The Fishin’ Pig.

The importance of blood do-

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LAWFARE! ACCORDING TO DUNLAP

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Major General Charles J. Dunlap, Jr. USAF (Ret.) is a professor at Duke Law and the Executive Director of the Center on Law, Ethics, and National Security. Major General Dunlap has served in an influential role at the institution—even teaching figures such as Lindsey Graham—but perhaps his largest contribution has been the development of the concept of “Lawfare.” On February 1st, he spoke at Crawley Forum on the development and implementation of lawfare throughout history.

Major General Dunlap defined lawfare—partially coining the term himself—as referencing the legal complexities of war; the first example that comes to the mind of readers will likely be something like the Geneva Convention. Dunlap also extended the definition throughout his presentation to include the navigation and weaponization of these laws.

He continued by showing how lawfare has been used throughout history and especially how lawfare has been used against the United States in recent years as a method of leveling the playing

field. Major General Dunlap argued that since Americans largely follow the law—for instance not bombing culturally significant locations or places with a high concentration of civilians—we encourage our enemies to abuse these laws by using these locations and innocent people as shields.

He continued by telling us how we ought to go about combating tactics like these. He said the most important part is making sure everyone is informed. To prevent public outcry, we must tell the media why we’re attacking these locations, but we must also ensure

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THREE-POINTERS FROM MR. SHOTWELL

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You’ve caught me in a reflective mood, Reader. Seniors have started reporting their post-graduation plans, and it recently dawned on me that I’m coming up on a landmark graduation anniversary (we don’t have to talk about which landmark). The point is, it goes fast, and it doesn’t come again. I heard a graduating senior reflect on his time at H-SC, “I’ve realized I left a lot of doors shut.” This got me thinking about the opportunities college offers that won’t be as readily available later in life. Here are three doors you should not only unlock but swing wide open during your time at college.

The Career Center.

Our Career Center is a goldmine of resources. They can help you polish your résumé, provide networking opportunities with our impressive alumni network, and even simulate job interviews to prepare you for the real thing. They’re also experts in navigating salary expectations and negotiations. Skipping out on these services could cost you tens of thousands in lowered wages over the course

of your career.

Study Abroad.

The opportunity to study abroad is a unique aspect of college life that is hard to replicate later on. You’re able to immerse yourself in a different culture for weeks or months, learning new languages and gaining perspectives that books alone can’t teach. As you move into adult life and the accompanying full-time jobs, family life, mortgages, and other responsibilities, such extended travel becomes more challenging. Now is the time to explore, learn, and grow in ways that only living abroad can offer.

The Counseling Center.

Therapy services, which are often expensive and difficult to schedule in the “real world,” are readily available and free for you as a student. Whether you’re dealing with stress, anxiety, wanting to cut back on drugs or alcohol, or any number of other issues that can weigh a person down, the Counseling Center provides a confidential and supportive place to figure things out. Remember, it’s much simpler to schedule an appointment

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PUBLIC RELEASE: CLUB ALLOCATIONS

Note from the Editor: Below is official data from this semester’s Student Finance Board Club Allocations. The Tiger is publishing the data as provided without editorialization or investigation in this issue, but such articles may appear in subsequent issues. Any questions regarding particular allocations should be directed towards the Office of Student Affairs.

5-Feb					7-Feb (Continued)				
Under \$1K	Club	Request	Bare Bones	Final Amount	Under \$1K	Club	Request	Bare Bones	Final Amount
yes	Catholic Campus Ministry	\$ 810.00	\$ 810.00	\$ 400.00	no	Classics Club	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 800.00
no	Cogito	\$ 5,643.25	\$ 5,643.25	\$ 1,500.00	no	Racquetball club	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 500.00
no	Madisonians	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 1,500.00	na	Sunshine club	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
no	Makers Collective	\$2,960.34	\$ 460.00	\$ -	no	Unity Alliance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 500.00
na					no	Boaters club	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
yes	Animation Society	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	no	Disc golf	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -
no	Young Life	\$ 5,034.40	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	no	Sporting clays	\$ 10,872.00	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 8,500.00
6-Feb					8-Feb				
no	Philosophy	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 5,064.00	\$ 500.00	no	CAC	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 50,100.00	\$ 45,000.00
no	Lacrosse	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	no	Mentors	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,000.00
no	HSC Democrats	\$ 1,900.00	\$900	\$ -	no	Fly Fishing	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,250.00
na	U-The Tiger	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	no	Baseball	\$ 2,586.08	\$ 2,428.13	\$ -
no	Golf Club	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 500.00	no	YAF	\$ 2,810.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
no	Outsiders	\$ 11,083.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 2,250.00	no	Airsoft	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 200.00
no	Lifting Club	\$ 10,143.31	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	yes	AHS	\$ 207.25	\$ 207.25	\$ 200.00
yes	Computer Repair Club	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	no	Music Performance and Production	\$ 9,732.10	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
no	Animal Rescue	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	no	TTRPG D&D	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 900.00
no	The Garnet	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	no	MSU	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
no	Ducks unlimited	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	yes	Spanish	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 300.00
no	Cycling Club	\$ 6,690.00	\$ 6,690.00	\$ 2,000.00	no	Senate	\$ 1,474.21	\$ 1,474.21	\$ 1,200.00
7-Feb					na	BJJ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
yes	Muay Thai Club	\$ 450.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 290.00	no	Rugby	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,500.00
no	UPLS	\$ 11,775.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	no	Reenacting	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00
na	Personal-Relations and Management	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	no	Pitmasters	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,250.00
na	Karate Club	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	no	Winter Ball	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
no	German Club	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 300.00	no	Golf Passes	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
no	Bowling Club	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 250.00					
no	Phi Beta Lambda	\$ 8,203.31	\$ 8,203.31	\$ 6,000.00	Percent Final	Total Amount	Total Requested	Total BB	Final Total
no	Mathematical Gaming Society	\$ 4,785.00	\$ 4,785.00	\$ 2,500.00	24.03%	\$ 150,190.00	\$ 112,227.61	\$ 90,155.56	\$ 36,090.00

PUBLIC RELEASE: FALL 2023 STUDENT COURT TRIALS

The attached chart illustrates the cases that made it to trial last semester. The chart represents the alleged infraction and the verdict and sanction of the Court. As you can likely surmise, the Court looks at each case based on the evidence in that particular case. We do not operate on precedent. No two cases are ever the same, no matter the infraction. I encourage you all to make the Honor Code and Code of Conduct ever present in your minds. I wish each of you a great semester. As always, reach out to me if I can help you with something. -Student Court Chairman Greyson Hurley '24

FALL 2023 STUDENT COURT TRIALS	
HONOR TRIALS - FALL 2023 (Total 6)	
Accused Charge	Verdict and Sanction
Lying (Pleaded Guilty)	Guilty -- Expulsion
Plagiarism (Pleaded Guilty)	Guilty -- 1 Semester Suspension (Current Semester)
Attempts (Pleaded Guilty)	Guilty -- Honor Probation with additional sanctions
Plagiarism (Pleaded Guilty)	Guilty -- Expulsion
Cheating (Pleaded Guilty)	Guilty -- 1 Semester Suspension (Current Semester)
Lying (Pleaded Guilty)	Guilty -- 1 Semester Suspension (Current Semester)
Plagiarism	Trial on-hold because student was Academically Suspended
CODE OF CONDUCT TRIALS - FALL 2023 (Total 1)	
Accused Charge	Verdict and Sanction
Substance Misuse & Contempt of the Student Justice System (Pleaded Guilty)	Guilty -- Extended Disciplinary Probation with additional sanctions and Personal Improvement Plan

CHRISTIAN’S CORNER: THE 2ND CHAPTER OF JAMES

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Steadfast friends, I pray that all has been going well in the recent weeks, but I am not unaware of the suffering and various trials that you inevitably face. May it be relationships, homework, sickness, or tiredness, the world will try to wear you down. But, be patient in your faith knowing that God is with you “collecting all your tears” and “holding your right hand.” Last time I wrote you, I discussed chapter 1 of James which said, “Count it joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds... blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial” (Jm 1:2,12). Although no one wants to suffer, as Christians we are called to be steadfast, clinging to God in both good and bad times. This week, I call you to continue being steadfast by showing no partiality and by doing

Christian works, as can be found in James chapter 2.

The second chapter of James begins with “show no partiality as you hold faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory” (Jm 2:1). Consider this command for a moment. At first glance, showing no partiality might seem undemanding. We want to treat everyone equally. But, how would you behave as a guest in a rich person’s estate versus as a guest in a poor person’s trailer? Would you act differently or speak in a different manner? Have you not then “made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts” (Jm 2:4)? Wealth is just one example of something that we might show partiality to. Gender, height, intelligence, belief, and popularity are other aspects that demand partiality too. Furthermore, what partiality

might you show to those that are your close friends or family? It would seem natural to be partial to those closest to us. But, if you are being steadfast in your faith, you will “love your neighbor as yourself” (Lev 19:18, Jm 2:8). “And who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29) Everyone around us is our neighbor, and the love God exacts from us is the equalizer. By loving everyone as a neighbor, the sin of partiality can be overcome.

The last half of chapter 2 stresses the importance of works: “What good is it my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works” (Jm 2:14). Immediately, you may think of conflict between Paul’s teachings and James’s teachings, but this is not the case. Paul says in Titus that “the saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God

may be careful to devote themselves to good works” (Tit us 3:8). Both Paul and James agree that good works are important and that steadfastness will demonstrate works. Then, what are good works? Things that are “excellent and profitable for people” (Titus 3:9). Again, other people are the key...our neighbors. Whatever actions come out of “loving your neighbor as yourself” will be good works. For this reason, good works are also not construed by partiality. Works may be helping a community, giving to the needy, or visiting the elderly. Do not be misled by trying to keep track of the frequency and magnitude of your good works. Just let your works be works from faith and they will “be counted as righteousness” (Jm 2:23).

Thus, the second chapter of James builds on the first by describing what

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NEWS

WALTZ BEFORE THE WEEKEND

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On Friday, February 6th, the Sweet Briar Sweet Dancers boogied up to Crawley forum to teach Hampden-Sydney students some ballroom dance moves. The President of the Club, Abigail, had reached out to Sandy Cooke to coordinate and schedule the lesson. According to Sandy lessons like these were common in previous years through “fall semester into spring semester, so [HSC Stu-

dents] knew how to dance at the Winter Ball.” Organization of the event seemed to go smoothly, with Sandy needing only to know the date to “[reserve] the space” and advertise the lessons around campus. The simple but effective advertisements lead to “about 30 guys” signing up and taking part in the lesson. There seems to be hopes of making dance lessons recurring events in the future. Given the enthusiasm with which Hampden-Sydney students

undertook the event Friday, it seems likely such a reoccurrence would be well received. President Abigail indicated that it was her hope to foster more regular events, citing the longstanding connection between our two schools. The night started off with the most basic of waltz dance patterns: “the Box.” Abigail demonstrated how to execute the four step maneuver. After several practice attempts, the H-SC crowd was deemed ready to try it with



Photo courtesy of @hsc.studentlife
H-SC Gents Learn to Ballroom Dance with Sweetbriar’s Sweet Dancers

SHOUTIN’ IN THE FIRE: H-SC Hosts AUTHOR DANTE STEWART

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This past Monday, February 12th, the Religions department, The Minority Student Union, Hampden-Sydney lectures and programs, and the office of culture and inclusion hosted Reverend Danté Stewart. Reverend Stewart is an award-winning author and an inspiring man of faith. His book ‘Shoutin’ in the Fire: An American Epistle’ is labeled “A stirring meditation of being Black and learning to love in a loveless, anti-Black world.” With lots of critical praise. Reverend Stewart wasn’t here to read his book or preach; he was here to inspire the minds and souls of all that came to listen. He gave three readings one from his upcoming story for ESPN on the cultural significance of football for Black, White, and Hispanic children and what football means to them. A short excerpt of the first

a partner. Sweet Briar and Hampden Sydney paired off and went through a few repetitions of The Box. Genders were roughly equal, so no one was left without a partner for long. After this Abigail demonstrated a more complex maneuver: the turn. There was mild trepidation at this new challenge but again after practice the execution went off without a

reading “They bow their heads back and forth, forward and back, bringing their palms to one another palms just before mouthing the words ‘young boy I can feel it deep down in my soul I know its gonna get better as I go...” The second

reading was from his second book on the many ways the heart breaks and how it can get put back together. A short excerpt of the second reading “a febrile seizer is described as a child having shakes all

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Photo courtesy of Jeffrey Young '27

hitch. While dancing partners conversed and after the successful completion of a maneuver high fives and smiles were exchanged. Both Hampden-Sydney and Sweet Briar students came out to learn, practice their moves, and socialize with others. There was little of the awkwardness one might expect from many first time dancers taking their first

forays across the ballroom floor with partners they had never met. Quite the opposite in fact, conversation flowed easily between the participants and high fives were exchanged after the successful execution of complex moves. While I met a few experienced dancers (mostly on the Sweet Briar side), most of the HSC crowd were

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everyone seems to remember most was his character, class, and humor. Rev. Dr. Willie Thompson, the former Chaplain of the College and Minister of College Church, who delivered the eulogy, relayed a story of his gifting an 1820s brick to Dr. Bortz from the foundation of the original College Church. Rev. Thompson apparently connected this brick to a story from the Old Testament about the Israelites establishing themselves in the Promised Land and how Dr. Bortz’s coming to Hampden-Sydney was his arrival in the Promised Land. For the rest of his nine years at the College,

Dr. Bortz would assure Rev. Thompson that “today was not a Promised Land Day” whenever something went wrong, and “usually on days when the Trustees were in town.”

Dr. Kristian Hargadon ’01 recounted how Dr. James Simms, Professor Emeritus of History, once asked Dr. Bortz how long it would be until he had something named after him like Dr. Bortz just had done for himself. Without skipping a beat, Dr. Bortz allegedly replied, “Don’t worry, Jim. I’ve made sure there’s a plaque with your name on it above a urinal

in Morton.” While doing all his many jobs for the College, Dr. Bortz also found time to serve as Ruling Elder at College Church and make himself and his wife, Lorraine, readily available to students. As Dr. Hargadon put it, “[Dr. Bortz] wanted to know the students he was impacting.”

The path was not easy, however, and in hardship, Dr. Bortz’s character became particularly clear. Shortly after his inauguration as President in 2000, Lorraine Bortz was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. As his daughter, Cathy Bortz Palmer, tells it, Dr. Bortz told his

wife that he would do “whatever [she] wanted to do,” and she told him to stay on. Around the same time, a freshman died tragically in an accident, and on the same day that his wife was undergoing surgery to remove the cancer, Dr. Bortz made his way to the funeral of the student across the

state once the surgery was complete. Dr. Bortz also loved music, especially folk music, and wrote some of his own music. At the service, his daughter and his son, Walter M. Bortz IV, performed a song he wrote entitled “Move On.” Its chorus goes like this:

Move on to greener hillsides
To valleys wider still
Move on to unfenced pastures
Move on to where you will.
Farewell,
Dr. Walter Michael Bortz III, 23rd President of Hampden-Sydney College and one of her beloved adopted sons.



LIFE

OPENING DAY LOSS
FOR H-SC LACROSSE

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On Saturday, February 10th, the Hampden-Sydney Tiger lacrosse team played their season opener against Christopher Newport University. The opener would be a tough one as the Captains were ranked #4 in the nation. While the Tigers fought hard against CNU's powerful team, the game ultimately ended in a 9-15 loss for the Tigers.

Even in their loss, the Tigers saw a gleam of hope. Senior goalie Peter Smith recorded his first-ever career start and made an impressive 19 saves to prove himself a weapon in the net. The offense proved their efficacy as well by putting up

9 hard-fought goals for the Tigers. Junior Captain White truly led the offense by scoring 3 goals on the Captains, while Michael Leone, Ray O'Brien, Ford Burke, and Davis Mack scored additional goals to keep the game close. The Tiger defense proved their potential by causing multiple important turnovers as well. Gaines Weiss led his team in forced turnovers (3); and, Conor Kilfeather, Thomas Harry, Cameron Young, and Jack Duffy battled hard to cause additional turnovers in the Tigers' favor.

Although the opening game did not go according to plan, the Tigers came out strong and showed some promising potential. With new starters making a loud first appearance and veteran

players continuing to lead their team members on the field, the future looks bright for the Tiger lacrosse team. In 2023, Hampden-Sydney's lacrosse team went 13-5 overall and sported a conference record of 8-1. This year, the Tigers play to record an even better season in honor of their late teammate, Ben Lagow.

Let's make sure to support our Tiger lacrosse team at their next home game on February 17th vs Southern Virginia. The more support the Tigers have, the easier it will be for them to come out strong for the next game! Stay tuned for details about scheduled tailgates and events for upcoming home lacrosse games, and as always, **ROLL TIGERS!!**

TRUMAN:
RIOPLATENSE FILM FESTIVAL
MARKS ANOTHER YEAR



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Argentine Actor Ricardo Darin, Who Plays Julian in Truman

BRANDON FINCH '27
STAFF WRITER

The third film of Hampden-Sydney's 2nd Rioplatense Film Festival was shown on Thursday, February 8th. The festival began back in October and has held three screenings, with the fourth and final event happening next month.

Rioplatense Spanish is a dialect of Spanish that originates in the Rio de la Plata Basin, which includes Argentina and Uruguay. Spanish professor Dr. Alfonso Varona chose to focus on films from this region because "the area is very rich culturally" and it is a "region where [you] would find better films in the Spanish language." Dr. Varona

has taken students to Argentina twice and the Rio de la Plata Basin is the area which interests him the most in Latin America. He also set up this film festival as a way "to prepare and to encourage students to [travel abroad] in May to Buenos Aires."

The film shown during this event was Truman, a 2015 Argentinian comedy-drama directed by Cesc Gay. Truman tells the story of two friends coming to terms with the inevitable passing of one of them due to cancer.

The movie is currently available to watch on Amazon Prime. Dr. Varona selects films for the festival based on a few key factors. The first

factor is student interest. In order to appeal to as many students as possible, Dr. Varona tries "to pick a variety [of films] so that not everything is the same." He also makes sure that every film shown is under an hour and forty-five minutes, so that no student is staying past 9:00 PM. The final major factor is whether the film is contemporary or not. Dr. Varona tries to show modern films as often as possible, as he does not want potential attendees to be turned away due to not being interested in old cinema.

The final film from the festival will be shown on March 28th at 7:00 PM in the DuPont room of Bortz Library.

PROXY CONFLICTS:
HEATING UP
THE COLD WAR

When thinking about the Cold War, one thinks of the contests between the United States and its western allies and the Soviet Union and its communist allies. During the global struggle, different proxy wars were fought around the globe, the most famous of which being the Vietnam and Korean wars. But, being a global struggle, the Cold War had global implications and impact, even in places that might appear to be distant from it. In this edition of the history corner, I will be discussing some of the lesser known Cold War Conflicts. The information for this article is taken from the article "Eight 'Hot Wars' During the Cold War," from World101. For further information about the source, feel free to email me at thorn-tonw26@hsc.edu.

Nicaragua: The Central American country of Nicaragua saw significant turmoil during the latter half of the 20th century. The United States had occupied the country, but had withdrawn in 1933. After this withdraw-

al the Somoza family came into power and maintained friendly relations with the U.S., but their rule led to a corrupt and unequal state. Then, in the 60s, a group known as the Sandinista National Liberation Front came into prominence. They obtained aid from communist countries in the region and began fighting a guerilla war in the 70s and they were eventually able to take over the government in 1979. In the 80s though, former Somoza units, the Contras, in turn pursued a guerilla war against the Sandinista government. The Sandinistas were at this point receiving aid from the Soviet Union, and a few of the Contras had received military equipment and instruction from the U.S. The Sandinistas would go on to lose elections in the 90s, but during the decade before the country was rife with violence and corruption.

Angola: Angola, the former Portuguese colony in south west Africa, was the site of another Cold War conflict. Starting in 1975, the

year Angola gained its independence, conflict between the communists and anti-communists began. The anti-communist National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) and the communist People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) engaged in fighting for nearly 30 years, with the conflict not ending until 2002. The anti-communists were backed by the United States and South Africa while the communists were backed by the Soviet Union and Cuba. Over the course of the war hundreds of thousands were killed and over a million became internally displaced. In the end, the MPLA won out.

Afghanistan: Afghanistan had been ruled by a government on good terms with the Soviet Union. However, in 1979, the leader was assassinated. This prompted the Soviets to invade the country and put another Soviet friendly leader in power. But this did not prove effective, as over the next 10 years the Soviets would be engaged in a gue-

TIGERS' HEARTBREAKING
LOSS TO R-MC

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The stage was set. A top 10 matchup between #1 ranked Hampden-Sydney College and visiting #8 Randolph Macon on February 3rd. Tailgating had started at noon and the sun had come out for the sold-out crowd, eager to watch their Tigers play. 1,492 fans showed up to watch the highly anticipated top-ten showdown, with Hampden-Sydney crushing the Yellow Jackets in their last matchup 61-52.

The tip-off was at 2 PM following a heartwarming showing from the H-SC student section when they joined Benjamin Hager '23 in singing the national anthem. The crowd cheered as the Tigers took the floor, ready for one of their toughest

matchups yet. The game started and the Tigers were off to a slower start than usual, something that is uncharacteristic for the team who normally leads by 8-10 points within the first 10 minutes. This game would prove to be a test of the Tigers' strength. After starting the game in a 3-2 lead thanks to a 3-pointer by Davidson Hubbard 24', the visiting Yellow Jackets took off to a 12-5 lead 7 minutes into the game. The Tigers had a few unlucky possessions on the offensive boards, and R-MC was able to capitalize by leading the game 23-11 with 8 minutes left in the first half. The Tigers were able to cut the lead to just 11 points at 29-18, thanks to a one-footed buzzer beater from the three-point line from Adam Brazil '24. Going into halftime, Hubbard and Brazil each

led the team with 7 points, followed by Alex Elliott '24, and Shane Fernald '26 who also chipped in 2 points each and much-needed rebounds. The momentum was with H-SC going into the second half.

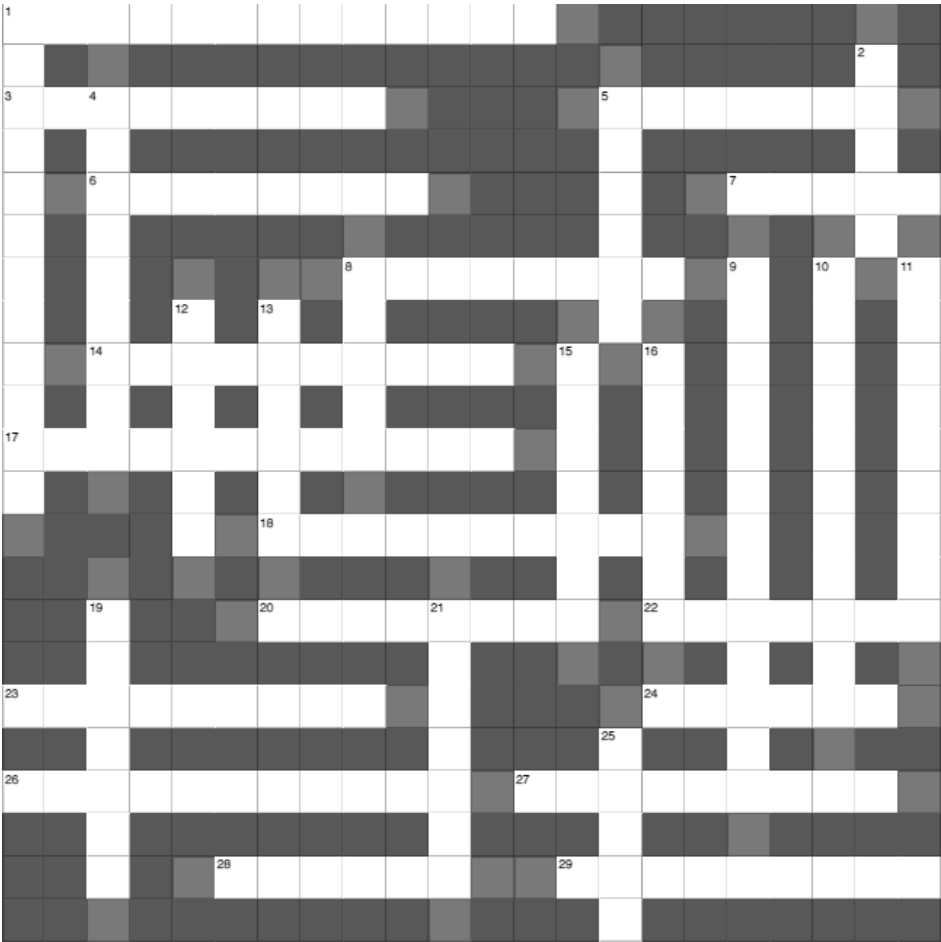
The second half began with H-SC cutting the lead down to 10 points with 16 minutes left to go. As the second half clock was winding down, the Tigers began finding their rhythm as they were so accustomed to. Mounting a magnificent 12-0 run, H-SC tied the game 36-36 with 10 minutes to go. Offensive and defensive contributions from fifth-year seniors Ryan Clements and Chase Turner helped lead this charge back into the game by the Tigers. The crowd was deafening. Basket after basket by the

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PEANUT GALLERY

CROSSWORD



My father always told me to look up the definitions of words that I came across as I was reading so that I could “improve my lexicon.” After ~20 years, I figure it might be time to listen to him. To force myself to follow through, I have decided to make my crosswords from words that I come across in certain books. These are works of literature that I find personally entertaining... or that I am forced to read by our benevolent dictators. Point is, we are going to learn a heck of a lot of fancy, new words from these crosswords.

This issue’s crossword comes from economist Thomas Sowell’s *Social Justice Fallacies*, a critique of the modern social justice movement in America. In this short work, Sowell makes both informed and ridiculous deductions that appeal to and disgust people across the political spectrum. With his words, you might be able to better articulate your own musings about equality, discuss the destructive nature of your children, and promote your agenda. Good luck!

2024 US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION:
NIKKI’S RAGE, BIDEN’S AGE

PIERCE GEMBORYS ‘25
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend offered Americans more to cheer and boo at: Superbowl LVIII, and more candidate promotional campaign ads for the upcoming presidential election. Surprising new details from candidates on both sides of the political aisle have been stirring up voters, and we are not even half-way through February. The latest news from the GOP has Nikki Haley’s new ad attacking former president Donald Trump over his comments regarding the candidate’s deployed husband. The 90-second ad included snippets of Trump calling soldiers who died in

war as “losers” and “suckers.” The ad included Trump’s remarks made in 2015 against then senator-John McCain (R-AZ) who was a POW during the Vietnam War, and a 2018 remark made against Navy Admiral William McRaven who oversaw the 2011 raid on Osama bin Laden. This ad of course was released days after the Nevada Republican primary election, in which GOP candidate Nikki Haley lost to the “none of these candidates” option, which voters chose in support of the GOP candidate Donald Trump. Despite Trump’s absence in the Nevada primary, the results illustrate Nikki Haley’s lack of popularity amongst Republican voters with

only a slight uptick in the national polls. The Democratic party is dealing with backlash regarding a special counsel’s report that cleared the president of any criminal activities but that put the question of Biden’s age back in the public interest. The special counsel Robert K. Hurr described president Joe Biden in his report as “well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory” who has experienced “diminished faculties in advancing age.” The report ultimately has troubled the Democratic party with widespread fear that president Biden is unfit to run as the incumbent candidate for the upcoming election

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TIGER TALES

JONATHAN COLEMAN ‘26
STAFF WRITER

Fritz awoke at the crack of dawn in a cold sweat. He sat up slowly and touched his hand to his forehead, groaning softly in agitation and delirium. Thinking back to the previous night, he remembered hurrying away from his tense encounter with Stefan, crawling back into his bed, and doing his best to put the whole affair out of his mind. Fritz groaned

again as a beam of sunlight shining through the shutters slowly crept towards the foot of his bed. Another night, another insufficient amount of sleep, he thought. Why couldn’t that wretched voice just haunt somebody else? Fritz hadn’t asked for any of this. Then again, maybe he had. Fritz’s work at this remote outpost wasn’t easy, and it did tend to cut into his sleep schedule. In fact, when he thought about it, he realized that

the voice had only started to manifest in his mind once his sleep had already become irregular. And on top of that, it seemed to only ever advise him to complete tasks he would have had to attend to eventually anyway. Perhaps the voice merely represented some aspect of his subconscious dissociating from the rest. People had done stranger things while severely tired, after all. Yes, that had to be it. But even if it wasn’t, Fritz couldn’t

RICHARD D. JONES ‘25
CRUCIVERBALIST

ACROSS

- When two things are measurable by the same standard
- a substitute, especially in terms of a mother
- lavish, “full” to some
- genealogy of a pet or noble
- a principle, often religious
- a type of Chinese beer
- another word for “teenage”
- general improvement, especially of a word’s meaning
- Here’s a hint: the land behind a coast or river
- a section divided by five
- French, Italian, or just generally fancy cooking

- a derogatory name for Herbert Coward in *Deliverance*
- twenties (plural)
- one who believes that all are equal
- ugly, ridiculously so
- various, miscellaneous, dried by the sun
- relating to a city or town, especially its government

DOWN

- containing people from many countries, often in a city
- loads of paper
- deny the truth of, refuse to be associated with
- a type of socialism, founded by a Brit
- understood implicitly
- timid, showing a

- lack of courage like a cat
- can’t get rid of something, even on the black market
- an organized political state
- scarcity that makes dear
- boring, describing the task of doing this crossword
- belonging to a spiritual awakening in Judaism
- a fall in logical reasoning
- skipping school, but a crime
- popular, fashionable, “in”

OPINION:
RIDLEY ROYALLY RUINED HIM

OWEN KAHN ‘27
STAFF WRITER

Like many people, I was optimistic for Ridley Scott’s latest historical epic, though perhaps cautiously so, I might add, as I am with any movie that comes out these days. Some reviewers have complained that “no one asked” for 2023’s Napoleon, but I thought it would be as good a way as any for the 85-year old director to round out his career. Scott’s debut, *The Duellists* (1978), based upon a short story by Joseph Conrad about two Napoleonic hussars, happens to be my absolute favorite movie. I hoped its deft storytelling and beautiful visuals could be replicated on the grand scale

of an epic about the man the two Hussars fought for. Needless to say, I was disappointed. Hegel called Napoleon “the World Soul on horseback.” He was a man whose sheer dynamism and magnetic charisma was remarked upon by nearly everyone who met him. Scott reduces him to the level of an awkward nagrasper, whose rise to power is primarily reflective of his dysfunctional romantic life. The Prince Murat, descendent of Napoleon’s brother in law and current claimant of the Bonaparte throne, remarked in *Le Figaro* that the emperor was portrayed throughout as “clumsy, infantile, cruel, indecisive, and weak.” His criticisms reflected oth-

ers from the French media, who have accused the movie of being perniciously anti-French and an example of why a movie about Napoleon should never be directed by an Englishman. I am inclined to agree with them, as it does seem like Scott hates his titular character. The film introduces Napoleon at the execution of Marie Antoinette, which he was nowhere near. Adam Gopnik writing for The New Yorker opines that this association of Napoleon’s authoritarianism with a reaction to the Reign of Terror reflects the historical opinion of British writers like Burke and Dickens- “The bloody mind-

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THE DEVIL YOU KNOW: PART TWO

very well waste the whole morning dwelling on such weighty matters, not when there was real work to be done. Maybe examining something he actually had a chance of figuring out would alleviate his worries. Unfortunately, though, his hopes didn’t seem primed to come true on that particular day. By the afternoon, with his head spinning from both his lack of sleep and all the complicated graphs and charts he had been studying, he

decided to step outside and get some fresh air. He joined a team of scientists who were heading out to take a look at the phenomenon they were all there to study, thinking he could mix business with pleasure. Still, even then, his experience contained too much of the former and far too little of the latter. “So I went to check those pesky radiation detectors again,” his colleague Karla told him as they waded through the tall

grass, “and I guess someone got around to knocking some sense into them. All the readings they’re putting out seem normal again.” “Uhm ... that’s great!” replied Fritz, hoping he sounded enthusiastic enough. “Really puts my mind at ease.” “Mine too! Now if only we could get a handle on the rest of this weird situation,” said Karla. That, at least, Fritz could un-

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BLOOD DRIVE, CONT'D

nation goes way beyond our local community. Currently, the Red Cross is facing the lowest amount of blood donated in twenty years. This can mean that some could be deprived of life saving medical assistance. Blood transfusions are critical life-savers in certain situations, such as severe injury, cancer treatments, or blood disorders.

Civic engagement is important to everyone at Hampden-Sydney. As a part of this commitment, Theta Chi sponsored this event, giving even more attention to the cause. Hampden-Sydney brothers came in droves to support this event, and it's incredible to see the impact.

CHRISTIAN'S CORNER, CONT'D

a steadfast person might do. Of these things, showing no partiality and doing good works are central. I would challenge you to try and identify where you may show partiality and why you do so, and I would also challenge you to recognize good works.

THE DEVIL YOU KNOW, CONT'D

ashamedly empathize with. As one of his country's foremost geological experts, he had hardly been surprised when he had been brought on to determine the source of the strange energies emanating from a volcano on a small island not far off the coast. However, the volcano didn't seem to be getting ready to erupt, and the energy didn't seem to be related to any other natural process, either. No one had yet been able to figure out what was happening. It appeared that all they could do was

POINTERS, CONT'D

around your classes now than to try to fit therapy into a busy work schedule later. If you've ever considered therapy, now is the easiest time to try it out. Whether you graduate this May or a few years down the road, your college years will be over sooner than you realize. I encourage you to take advantage of these incredible opportu-

People were excited to be there knowing that they could help do good for the community. It all goes to show that even the smallest things you do, whether it's giving up an hour of your day to donate blood or going to work a shift at Meals on Wheels, you do have an impact on so many lives.

The next blood drive is scheduled for November 6, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Kirk Athletic Center. Spots are already open, so take the time now to register. These events are truly important and have massive ramifications that might just save someone's life. You never know the amount of good one donation can bring.

whether you do them or someone else. Have a steadfast week friends! May He bless you and keep you. If you have any questions or would like to talk, then feel free to reach me at tonj25@hsc.edu.

watch the anomaly and hope that their homes weren't about to be destroyed in a massive apocalypse.

With that cheery thought in his head, Fritz rounded a bend in the path — a n d the whole team stopped short almost immediately. “W e l l ,” said Karla, “that definitely wasn't there before.”

As he stared in bewilderment at the glowing red glyphs arranged in a circle on the side of the volcano, Fritz could only agree.

What the heck was going on?

nities. They're not just doors to open; they're pathways to a more fulfilling college experience and a successful transition to life after graduation. Mr. Shotwell works in the Office of Academic Success. For more tips on how to make the most of your time in college, email cshotwell@hsc.edu to book an appointment.

NAPOLEON, CONT'D

ed French need a boss, or they will go mad.” Almost no attention is paid to Bonaparte's true genius as an organizer, after all he had a gift for selecting the right people for the job regardless of origin and is remembered as having done much for the system of meritocracy. Napoleon is portrayed as a tyrant throughout, with precious few glimpses into the aspects that made men so willing to die for him. The bloody Napoleon is then fully indicted at the end, with a credit showing (liberally estimated) casualties from his wars and laying them pretty much solely at his feet. I wouldn't say I have a bias towards Napoleon necessarily, but watching Scott's treatment of him seems to induce one in me.

Napoleon's tyranny in turn, as hinted at before, is almost an impotent reaction to his troubled love life. Some have theorized that the movie was originally supposed to

ELECTION, CONT'D

against GOP candidate Donald Trump; however, Biden's allies have continued to frame the election as a choice between Biden and Trump, who has been seen by the Democratic party as a threat to de-

complete novices, and had either come to learn or laugh at their friends learn. Either way there was a good time to be had. Carter Sido was trying to get ready for the Winter Ball next week “of course.” I asked some of the Sweet Dancers what they thought of the average skill of the Hampden-Sydney man to which they

R-MC LOSS, CONT'D

#1 team in the nation had the student section jumping up and down to the point where the bleachers felt as if they would break.

The climax in the game came from a monstrous putback dunk from Hubbard off of a missed three-pointer from Adam Brazil, marking Hubbard's 1,000th point for the program. The Tigers managed to keep the Yellow Jackets within 7 from that point in the game until its conclusion. The

be a much smaller one about Napoleon and Josephine, but was given a much bigger budget and grew beyond the original plan. This might explain why the movie places so much emphasis on Napoleon's relationship with Josephine, but even if the movie were just about the two of them it would still be guilty of mischaracterizing the Emperor in my view.

I saw this movie in theater with a group of friends, one of whom is well-read on the military history of the Napoleonic Wars. He could scarcely contain his annoyance at Scott's blatant ignorance of historical fact. I could forgive embellishments for the sake of drama like in the Siege of Toulon, but the Battle of the Pyramids, the campaign in Russia, and the final defeat at Waterloo especially are ridiculously glossed over or recasted from the original events. For all the talk of Napoleon as a great tactician,

mocracy and is still facing allegations regarding the mishandling of classified documents. Nonetheless, president Biden is already facing low approval ratings from the new year with a 38% approval rating as

replied “generally that while unskilled we showed promise.

While no one will be auditioning for Dancing with the Stars anytime soon, people seemed to both enjoy and learn from the event. Given the relative ease with which it was coordinated, and the smoothness of the execution, it seems likely that similar lessons will take

game came down to the final 21 seconds, with two unlucky shots not finding their way into the basket for the Tigers in a game that many thought might go into overtime. Fighting a tough battle, the Tigers were unlucky in the last few seconds of the game, with RMC upsetting the Tigers 48-46. Hubbard finished the game with 15 points and 8 rebounds, Brazil with 12 points and three assists, Clements with six points and an impressive 4 steals, and Turner

many of the battles are just guys running at each other, and the depicted tactical flourishes like shooting the frozen lake out from under the Austrians at Austerlitz are completely fabricated.

Does the film have its good points? Sure. There are some impressive visuals and cinematography (though I didn't like the weirdly cool color filter), and the set and costume design are on par for the \$200 million budget. Joaquin Phoenix and Vanessa Kirby do the best they can with the mediocre script they were given. There is supposed to be a 4-hour directors cut as well, which I'm sure will solve many of the problems of pacing and be able to explore more aspects of Napoleon's 20+ year career. If you still haven't seen the film, I would suggest watching *The Duellists* (1978), *Waterloo* (1970) or even the 5-hour silent Abel Gance Napoleon movie from 1925 instead.

recent as January 31st, with the only hope for Biden's re-election being Taylor Swift's speculated endorsement and the voting power of her loyal “Swiftie” fans.

place at some point in the future. If you too want to sharpen your dancing skills, be sure to reach out to the Sweet Dancers to thank them for their time and ask them to come back soon. Until then, watch a tutorial on YouTube and keep your dancing shoes polished for Moonlight in Monte Carlo this weekend.

with five points and six rebounds. Hampden-Sydney quickly bounced back from this challenge with two thundering wins against Averett (81-52) and Randolph (78-68). The Tigers continue their stellar season with a game on the road against Virginia Wesleyan on February 14th in Virginia Beach and wrap up their regular season with a home game against Mary Washington on February 17th at 2:00 PM.

PROXY WARS, CONT'D

rilla war against the various insurgents in the country. These insurgents were equipped with weapons and provided financial support by the United States, which helped the insurgents to carry on the war. Over the course of the war, between half a million and one and half million Afghans would die, as well as about 15,000 Soviets. The Soviet Union eventually left Afghanistan in 1989, and would collapse just a few years later.

DANTE STEWART, CONT'D

over and losing consciousness. Doctors advise that a child's seizure can last a few seconds, maybe 15 minutes, maybe more, maybe less. I don't know how long my son's lasted but when it came time stood still....” The third reading was a piece of poetry that was in honor of his grandfather. A short excerpt “let first words of the end, a time of no return, heaven only knows that the comfy is as good as the body that jerks.” With these three reading he touched and help inspire many with his process and self-reflection.

LAWFARE, CONT'D

that the soldiers on both sides are informed of our reasons. Major General Dunlap shared that to maintain morale the troops cannot be kept in the dark; they must be sure that there is a good reason for their attacks to be placed where they are. Most importantly, he ended by telling us that if we truly want to change things and protect important places and innocent people in the future, we must ensure our enemies know that they cannot use these things as shields.